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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 0956

FOR NEA/ARN DRAPER FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA (DOD MILITARY SURVEY TEAM)

SUBJECT: BEIRUT 0890

I ASKED BOUTROS THIS MORNING WHEN HE THOUGHT MILITARY SURVEY
TEAM COULD COME. HE SAID HE THOUGHT BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK.
I SAID WE WANTED TO BE SURE SYRIANS DID NOT TAKE THIS AMISS.
ARRIVAL OF TEAM JUST AFTER INCIDENTS WHICH HAD INVOLVED CON-
FRONTATION BETWEEN SYRIAN AND LEBANESE ARMIES COULD BE MIS-
INTERPRETED BY SYRIANS AS GESTURE OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR LEBANESE
DEFIANCE. BOUTROS TOOK POINT AND ASKED THAT WE GIVE HIM ANOTHER
48 HOURS DURING WHICH HE WOULD WANT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH
SYRIANS AND PERHAPS MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT INFORMING EVERYONE
THAT SURVEY TEAM HAD BEEN SCHEDULED ARRIVE BEFORE INCIDENTS
TOOK PLACE AND HAD BEEN POSTPONED BECAUSE OF THEM.

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